

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6696**
Thomas WEDI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_1196A
Serial No. 10/588,482
Filed August 4, 2006

ENCODING AND DECODING OF
VIDEO IMAGES BASED ON A
NON-LINEAR QUANTIZATION

PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

On December 5, 2008, the USPTO issued a Notice of Abandonment with respect to the above-referenced US patent application. The Notice of Abandonment was issued based on the failure of the Applicants to respond to a Notification of Missing Requirements which was evidently mailed on March 12, 2008. However, because the Applicants and the Applicants' representatives never received the Notification of Missing Requirements, it is respectfully submitted that the Notification of Abandonment be withdrawn.

In support of the request to withdraw the Notification of Abandonment, the Applicants' undersigned representative notes that each time an Office Action or other communication requiring a response is received from the USPTO, the due date for responding to the communication is docketed in both the "master docket" of the firm, as well as the undersigned representative's personal docket. As the period for responding to the Notification of Missing Requirements is two months from the mailing date of the Notification, the initial due date for responding to the Notification of Missing Requirements issued March 12, 2008 would be May 12, 2008. In this regard, a copy of the "master" (global) firm docket for Monday, May 12, 2008 is enclosed herewith. As is clearly evident from the copy of the master docket, there is no entry for responding to a Notification of Missing Requirements for the above-referenced US patent

application (corresponding to Attorney Docket No. 2006_1196A). Furthermore, a copy of the Applicants' docket for the month of May, 2008 is also enclosed. As noted on this docket, there is also no entry for responding to the Notification of Missing Requirements on May 12, 2008. Thus, it is submitted that a review of the docketing system for the Applicants' representative reveals that the Notification of Missing Requirements was never received. In addition, the Applicants' undersigned representative has searched through and reviewed the contents of the file for the above-referenced US patent application, and this search confirms the understanding that the Notification of Missing Requirements was never received by the Applicants' representative. Furthermore, it is noted that when a communication regarding a US application is received from the USPTO, the communication is placed in the file and recorded on the cover sheet of the application file, along with the due date. However, as indicated on the copy of the cover of the application file for this matter, the Notification of Missing Requirements was not recorded in the usual location under "PTO Communications."

In view of the above explanation and the evidence submitted herewith, it is respectfully submitted that the Notification of Missing Requirements apparently mailed March 12, 2008 was not received by the Applicants or the Applicants' representative. Therefore, the USPTO is respectfully requested to withdraw the holding of abandonment in connection with the above application, and issue a new Notification of Missing Requirements in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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11 Sun	WMC/WMC/MMC	2007-0365	xxx	Takashima Int'l Pat. Off.	YASUMA, Tsuneo	(US) 10/558,846	RESPONSE TO OA 5/12		3 Exd/1 Mnth
11 Sun	AES/AES/MRD	2007-0781	COPPER BASE ALOY	Kobayashi Int'l Pat. Off.	KUROSE, Kazuhito	(US) 11/798,245	FOREIGN FILING DUE		None
11 Sun	MMJ/MMJ/MMJ	2007-1363A	OVER-COATING AGENT FO	Hasegawa & Associates	WATANABE, Tsunehiro	(US) 11/892,507	MISSING PARTS (2 MO)	EX 1	4 Exd/1 Mnth
11 Sun	MRD/MRD/MRD	2007-2058A	SILICON MICROSPHERES	Ungria Patentes Y Marca	FENOLLOSA, ESTEVE,	(US) 11/984,870	MISSING PARTS (2 MO)	EX 1	4 Exd/1 Mnth
11 Sun	WDH/WDH/WDH	2008-0203A	IGNITION DEVICE FOR AN I	Torggler & Hofinger	KLAUSNER, Johann	(US) 12/068,528	MISSING PARTS (2 MO)	EX 0	5 Exd/1 Mnth
11 Sun	DMO/DMO/DMO	2008-0677A	ELECTRO-ACOUSTIC TRA	Ogasawara Patent Office	Takewa, Hiroyuki	(US) NEW, 10-1000, 245	APPL FILING DEADLINE	5/12	None
11 Sun	JRF/JRF/JRF	2008-0791A	PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL A	Aoyama & Partners	12 MASASHITA, Hideki	(US) NEW, 34	APPL FILING DEADLINE	5/12	None
11 Sun	WMC/WMC/WMC	2008-0831a	hydrophilic polymer micropart	Yasutomi & Associates	YOTANI, Takuya	(US) new,	send forms	0	None
11 Sun	RT/RT/RT	TM08-131	MEGALAB	ONSAGERS AS	YOTANI, Takuya	(US) 79/047,632	TICKLER OFFICE ACTION	0	None
11 Sun	WDH/WDH/WDH	TM94-0047	DESIGN (EAGLE)	Tashiro Patent Office	YOTANI, Takuya	(US) 2,111,505	RENEWAL	1	None
11 Sun	RT/RT/RT	TM97-026	AFTERNOON TEA ROOM (Someya Patent Office	YOTANI, Takuya	(US) 2,245,197	TICKLER RENEW LTR	0	None
12 Mon	MRD/MRD/MRD	2001-0554A	ORIENTED SINTERED CER	Nishizawa & Associates	SUZUKI, Toru	(US) 09/854,528	APPEAL BRIEF	0	5 Exd/1 Mnth
12 Mon	MDP/MDP/MDP	2003-0667a	catv uplink	Ogasawara Patent Office	MASUDA, Kouichi	(US) 10/437,175	FINAL REJECTION	EX 0	3 Exd/1 Mnth
12 Mon	WCP/WCP/WCP	2004-0164a	method of manufacturing tur	Kammon International	OHISHI, SHINJIROH	(US) 10/485,687	FINAL REJECTION	EX 0	3 Exd/1 Mnth
12 Mon	NEP/NEP/NEP	2004-0234A	ACTUATOR FOR OPTICAL	Saikyo Patent Office	YOKOYAMA, Yoshihiko	(US) 10/780,555	RESPONSE TO OA 5/13		3 Exd/1 Mnth
12 Mon	NEP/NEP/NEP	2004-0337a	touch panel having high dura	Aoyama & Partners	TAKAHATA, Kazuhiko	(US) 10/488,558	FINAL REJECTION	2	1 Exd/1 Mnth
12 Mon	NEP/NEP/NEP	2004-0337a	touch panel having high dura	Aoyama & Partners	TAKAHATA, Kazuhiko	(US) 10/488,558	NOTICE OF APPEAL	EX 1	1 Exd/1 Mnth
12 Mon	WDH/WDH/WDH	2005-0404	FUEL GASIFICATION SYST	MIZUKI	MOYOSHI, Norihisa	(US) 11/073,688	PUBLICATION FEE 5/12	0	None
12 Mon	WDH/WDH/WDH	2005-0404	FUEL GASIFICATION SYST	MIZUKI	MOYOSHI, Norihisa	(US) 11/073,688	ISSUE FEE 5/12	0	None
12 Mon	MDP/MDP/MDP	2005-1226A	PLUNGER PUMP	SIGMA INTERNATIONAL	TAKEHANA, Hideaki	(US) 11/194,602	RESPONSE TO OA	0	3 Exd/1 Mnth
12 Mon	MRD/MRD/MRD	2006-0194a	magnetic rubber composition	Suzuki Shoji Pat. Agency	KASAMOTO, Tadashi	(US) 11/355,981	RESPONSE TO OA	0	3 Exd/1 Mnth
12 Mon	CRW/CRW/CRW	2006-0198A	ENGINE FOR MOTORCYCL	Aoyama & Partners	ONO, Takahiro	(US) 11/354,898	RESPONSE TO OA	EX 2	1 Exd/1 Mnth
12 Mon	WDH/WDH/WDH	2007-0761A	HINGE WITH DAMPER	Torggler & Hofinger	FITZ, Helmut	(US) 11/798,730	RESPONSE TO OA	5/12	3 Exd/1 Mnth

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12 Mon	WDH/WDH/WDH	2007-0840A	measuring apparatus	JSK International Patent	KANG, Dong-Hun	(US) NEW,	FILG RCPT STATUS CHK	0	None
12 Mon	WDH/WDH/WDH	2007-0884a	content recommendation dev	Nakajima & Matsumura P	ICHIO, Keiji	(US) new,	FILG RCPT STATUS CHK	0	None
12 Mon	JRF/TMA/TMA	2008-0644a	EFFICIENT BUFFER USAG	IBM	YIFRACH, Shaul	(US) NEW,	APPL FILING DEADLINE	0	None
12 Mon	DMO/DMO/DMO	2008-0842A	GEMSTONES	Torggler & Hofinger	RENNER, Markus	(US) NEW,	APPL FILING DEADLINE	0	None
12 Mon	DMO/DMO/DMO	2008-0843A	GEMSTONES	Torggler & Hofinger	RENNER, Markus	(US) NEW,	APPL FILING DEADLINE	0	None
12 Mon	DMO/DMO/DMO	2008-0844A	GEMSTONES	Torggler & Hofinger	RENNER, Markus	(US) NEW,	APPL FILING DEADLINE	0	None
12 Mon	DMO/DMO/DMO	2008-0845A	GEMSTONES	Torggler & Hofinger	RENNER, Markus	(US) NEW,	APPL FILING DEADLINE	0	None
12 Mon	MMJ/MMJ/MMJ	PR07-1151A	acylated natural oil composit	CYTEC-SURFACE SPE	VANDERLIP, Jeff	(US) NEW,	FILE COMPLETE APPLI	0	None
12 Mon	NEP/NEP/NEP	TM00-057	SAKURAORI MONAKA	KK Hikari Jimusyo	VANDERLIP, Jeff	(US) 2,156,309	RENEWAL	1	Ext/6 Mnth
12 Mon	WDH/WDH/WDH	tm07-167	HAIRSHOP BY NIKITA	ZACCO NORWAY AS	VANDERLIP, Jeff	(US) 79/037,198	EARLY RESP FINAL REJ	0	None

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TOTAL ITEMS SELECTED = 265

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